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WARREN PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING IMPROVEMENTS TO 2.5 MILES OF NH ROUTE 25

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a combined Public Officials/Public Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in Warren to review and discuss proposed pavement rehabilitation, guardrail replacement and drainage improvements to a 2.5-mile section of NH Route 25 between the intersections of East side road and NH Route 118.

This meeting is a follow-up to the previous Informational Meeting held on December 10, 2002. It's being held to present and discuss changes in response to the Town of Warren's concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds along Main Street (Route 25) north of the Baker River Bridge.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is proposing to narrow the new shoulders to five-feet wide adjacent to the curbed sidewalk from the Baker River Bridge to Bixby Lane, matching the proposed five-foot wide shoulder width from this point northward. This would eliminate on-street parking where currently permitted, with the exception of the area in front of the Warren Town Library where five on-street parking spaces would be provided. The narrower shoulders will encourage slower speeds through this residential area, provide more separation from homes to the roadway and sidewalk, and generally be more consistent with the character of the area.

The March 16 public meeting will be held at the Warren Town Hall, 19 Water Street in Warren, New Hampshire at 7:00 PM, followed by a question and comment period.